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Where Team Chaotix has gone under deep cover to infiltrate a pirate gang and save a princess!

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SONIC UNIVERSE™



TEAM CHAOTIX
DETECTIVES FOR HIRE



UNDINA
PRINCESS OF MEROPIS



**RAZOR
& CRUSHER**
(EX?) PIRATE & CHAO

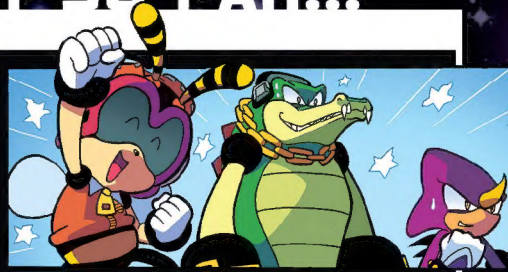


SHELLBREAKER
CAPTAIN OF THE
SETTING DAWN

THE STORY SO FAR...

UNLUCKY LANDLUBBERS

It was supposed to be a simple case for the Chaotix Detective Agency—find Princess Undina of Meropis, rescue her from her pirate kidnapers, and cash the fat reward check. Instead it turned into a desperate ruse as the goofy gumshoes “joined” the pirate crew.



As Vector tried to piece together a plan, the Shellbreaker Crew arrived at their destination: a mysterious and remote island. There Undina found warnings of an ancient and terrible weapon, which Cpt. Shellbreaker ordered unearthed.


Now the Chaotix not only have to save the princess and themselves, but deal with a long-lost terror...



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WE'D ARRIVED AT AN
ANCIENT TOMB ON A
FORGOTTEN ISLAND...

THE
PRINCESS
WARNED OF
DANGER...

...BUT THE CAPTAIN
DIDN'T CARE. HE WAS
HOPING FOR TREASURE,
OR WORSE...

...A WEAPON...


FORTUNATELY,
FOR AN EXPERT
ARCHAEOLOGIST
LIKE MYSELF,
THIS WAS--

The CASE
of the

Pirate Princess

FINALE: IN A LONELY PLACE

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WAIT A MINUTE--I'M NO
ARCHAEOLOGIST! I'M A PIRATE!



NO, I'M NOT!
DETECTIVE! I'M
A DETECTIVE!



A DETECTIVE WHO'S
ON THIN ICE HERE...

THIS DOESN'T LOOK
QUITE LIKE THE OTHER
ONES WE RAIDED...

YEAH,
IT'S LIKE...
FANCIER?

GOOD.
MEANS
WHATEVER
AWAITS US
IS LIKELY...

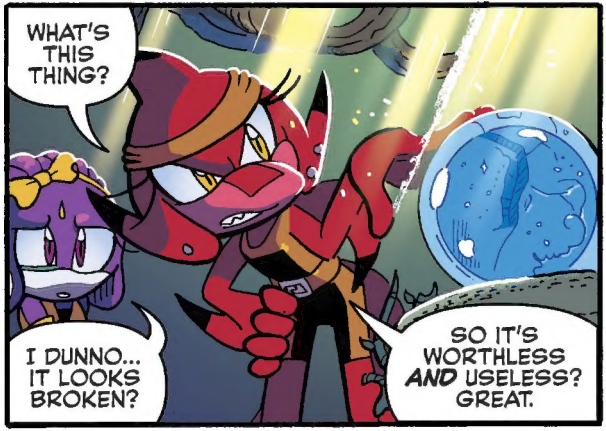


... VALUABLE...?



... SERIOUSLY?
IS THIS IT?

MAYBE
SOMEONE
ELSE GOT
HERE
FIRST...



WHAT'S
THIS
THING?

I DUNNO...
IT LOOKS
BROKEN?

SO IT'S
WORTHLESS
AND USELESS?
GREAT.



THIS
CAN'T
BE IT.

KEEP.
LOOKING.



MIGHT BE THIS IS WORTH SOMETHIN', TO THE RIGHT PERSON. WE CAN GET THE TOOLS FROM THE LONGBOAT, GET IT LOOSE...

THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT TALK O' DANGER? "UNTOLD DESTRUCTIVE POWER"? I WANTED A WEAPON, NOT WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE BROKEN TRINKET O' SOME LONG-DEAD FORTUNE-TELLING TWIT!



CAPTAIN, THERE'S SOMETHING HERE... LOOKS LESS WORN-OUT THAN THE OTHER WRITING.



READ IT, PRINCESS. NOW.

A-ALL RIGHT. Um...

"A HERO AT REST!"



"WHEN FAITH WAS LOST, YOU CONTINUED TO HOPE. WHERE RESOLVE WASHED AWAY, YOU STOOD, DETERMINED. WHEN HEARTS BECAME WEAK, YOU RESTORED UNITY. WHERE DARKNESS GATHERED, YOU BECAME THE LIGHT."

...Um... IT SOUNDS A LITTLE MORE POETIC IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, BUT... Oh, THERE'S MORE HERE...

PSST!



FINALLY!



SHE'S HERE. ESPIO, YOU READY?

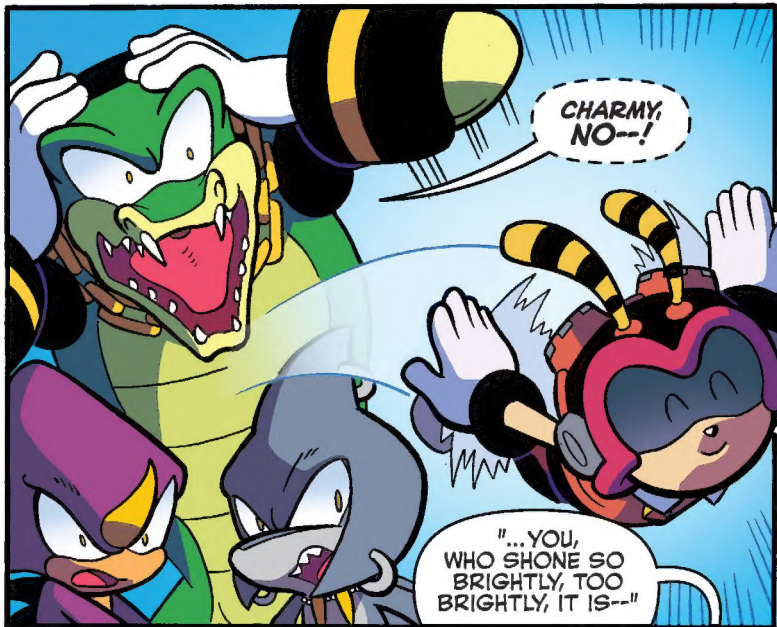
ROGER.

THIS IS LESS OF A "RESCUE PLAN" AND MORE LIKE A "SMASH 'N' GRAB," ISN'T IT...?



IT'S ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY! NOW...WE JUST NEED TO GET THE CAPTAIN'S KEY--

I CAN DO THAT!



CHARMY, NO--!

"...YOU, WHO SHONE SO BRIGHTLY, TOO BRIGHTLY, IT IS--"

ENOUGH O' THIS! SO IT'S AN EMPTY TOMB, IS IT? A MEMORIAL? I CARE NOT.



WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS THAT IT'S ALREADY BEEN ROBBED AND NOW--

HEY, CAPTAIN?



I--WHAT? WHAT IS IT Y'WANT?

CAN I HAVE THE KEY? I NEED TO GO BACK TO THE SHIP.

WHY?

Um... BATH-ROOM.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YE DON'T NEED THE KEY FOR THAT!

Aw...I TRIED ASKIN' NICELY...



YOINK!



Oh, BOY. GUESS THAT'S OUR CUE...

Aw, REALLY?! I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE COOL!

GET DOWN!

NOW!

TRAITORS! I WON'T LEAVE ENOUGH OF YOU TO FEED THE BARNACLES!

PRINCESS, LET'S GO!

I WAS STARTING TO WONDER IF YOU GUYS HAD A PLAN!

Um, EXCUSE YOU!

NO STINGING!

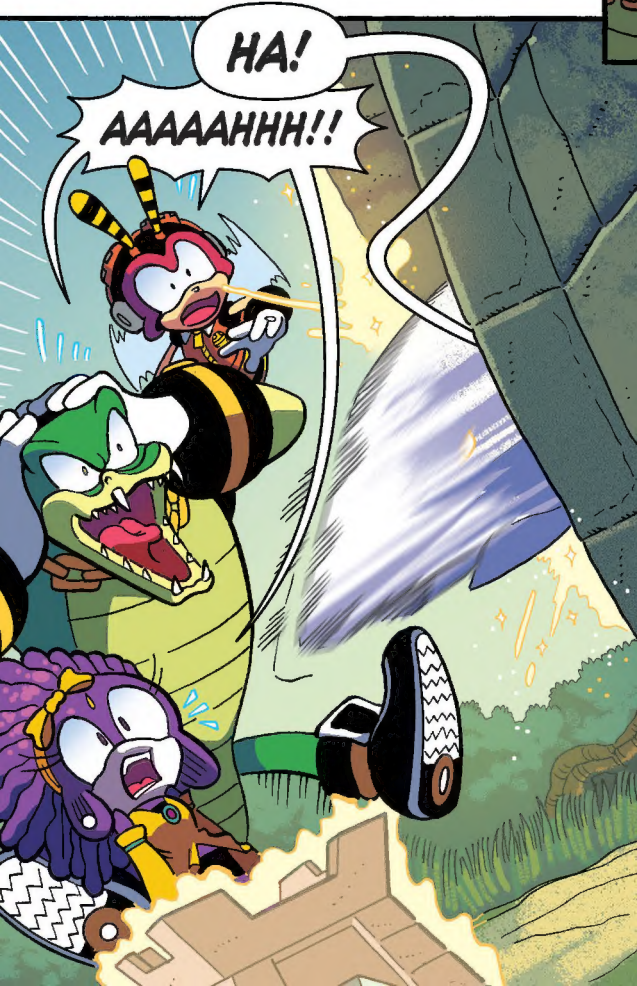
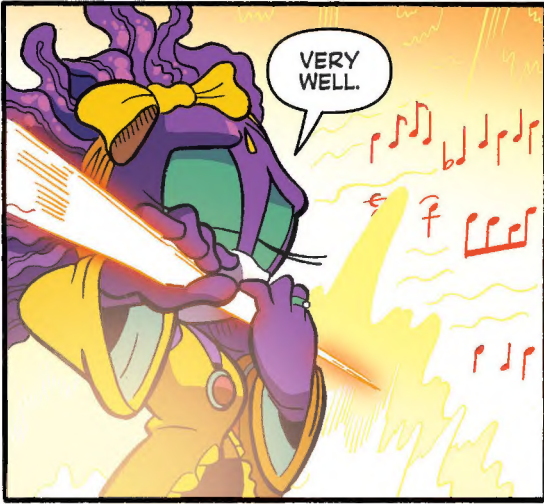
AH!

OW!

...Eesh, DEENA... YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU LOOK...

Aww, YOU REALLY THINK SO?





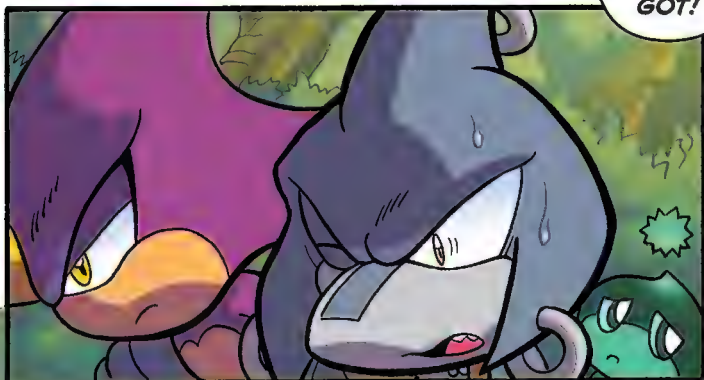


RAZOR!
RAZOR!



YOU CAN'T DO THIS!

WE'RE THE ONLY FAMILY YOU'VE GOT!



NO.

YOU'RE NOT.



I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SAY THIS LAST TIME...

GOOD-BYE, SIS.



Oh, SO THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK SO LONG!

TO THE CAR! HURRY!

B-BUT GUYS! I-I MADE YOU BREAKFAST...!



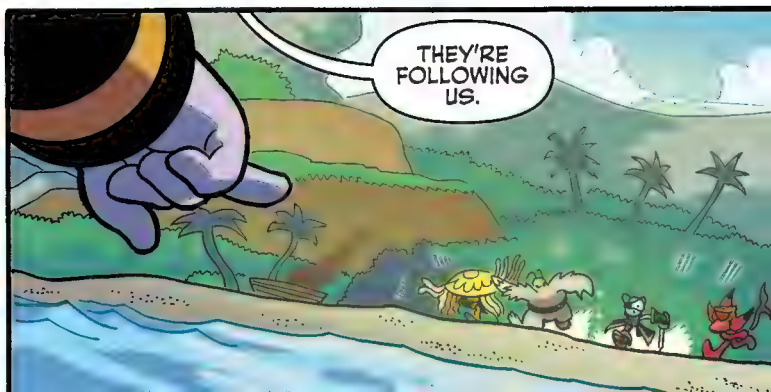
YAY! GOOD JOB, EVERYONE!~

LET'S NOT CELEBRATE JUST YET. WE'RE LOW ON FUEL-- WE STILL NEED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SETTING DAWN SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF THEM FOLLOWING US.

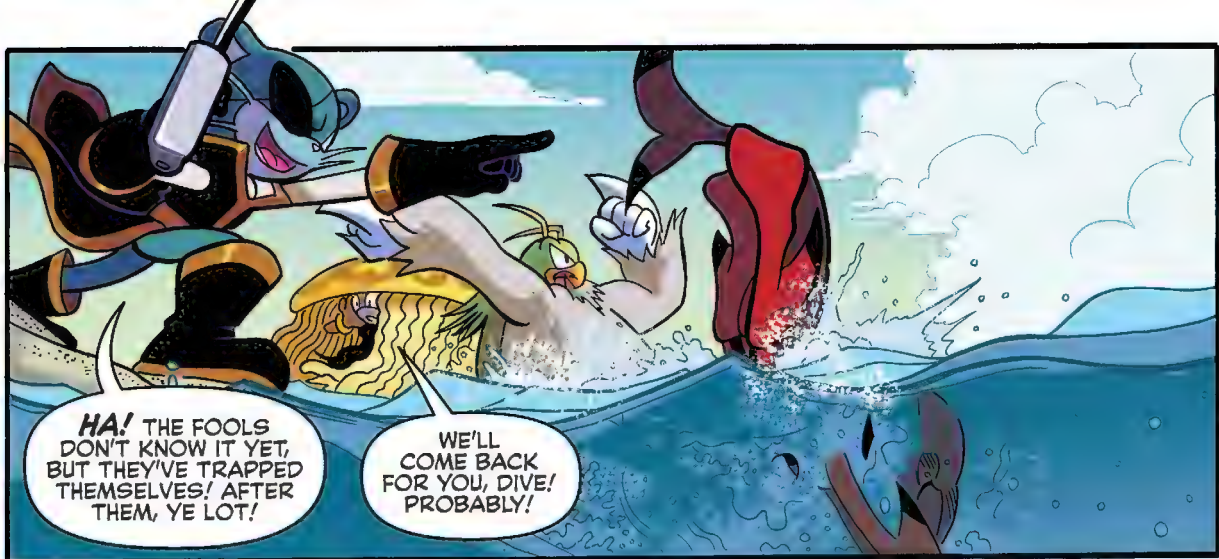


USE THE WINCH TO PICK UP THE CAR! WE'LL GET THIS SHIP MOVING--

HEY, SO WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER, ABOUT THEM FOLLOWING US...?



THEY'RE FOLLOWING US.



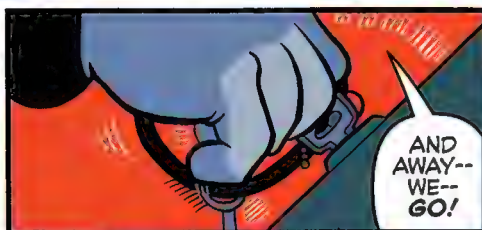
HA! THE FOOLS DON'T KNOW IT YET, BUT THEY'VE TRAPPED THEMSELVES! AFTER THEM, YE LOT!

WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU, DIVE! PROBABLY!



...THEY'RE SERIOUSLY TRYING TO SWIM AFTER US.

HA! THEY CAN TRY ALL THEY WANT! WE'RE ABOUT TO MAKE 'EM EAT OUR DUST. ER, WAVES. WHATEVER!



AND AWAY-- WE-- GO!



...Uh...?

"ENTER PASSWORD TO INITIATE STARTUP."



WHAT IS IT? WHY HASN'T THE SHIP STARTED?

WHAT PASS-WORD?

I DON'T KNOW!

WHY DOES IT NEED A PASS-WORD?!

I DON'T KNOW!



GUYS!
GUYS!
THEY'RE
COMING!

RAZOR!
TELL US
THE PASS-
WORD!

WHAT?
WHAT
PASS-
WORD?!

CAN'T
YOU JUST
HACK IT
OR SOME-
THING?!

TRY
TURNING
IT OFF
AND ON
AGAIN!

WHY
AREN'T WE
MOVING?!

WHAT,
IN THE NEXT
FIVE MINUTES?
WE MIGHT AS
WELL GET OUT
AND PUSH!



YOU GOTTA HAVE **SOME**
IDEA! THE CAPTAIN'S
BIRTHDAY! THE NAME OF
HIS MOTHER! HIS
FAVORITE COFFEE
BLEND! C'MON!

YOU'RE THE
DETECTIVE,
NOT ME!

ONE OF YOU
MUST'VE SEEN
SOMETHING...!



...WAIT...
YOU'RE
RIGHT...



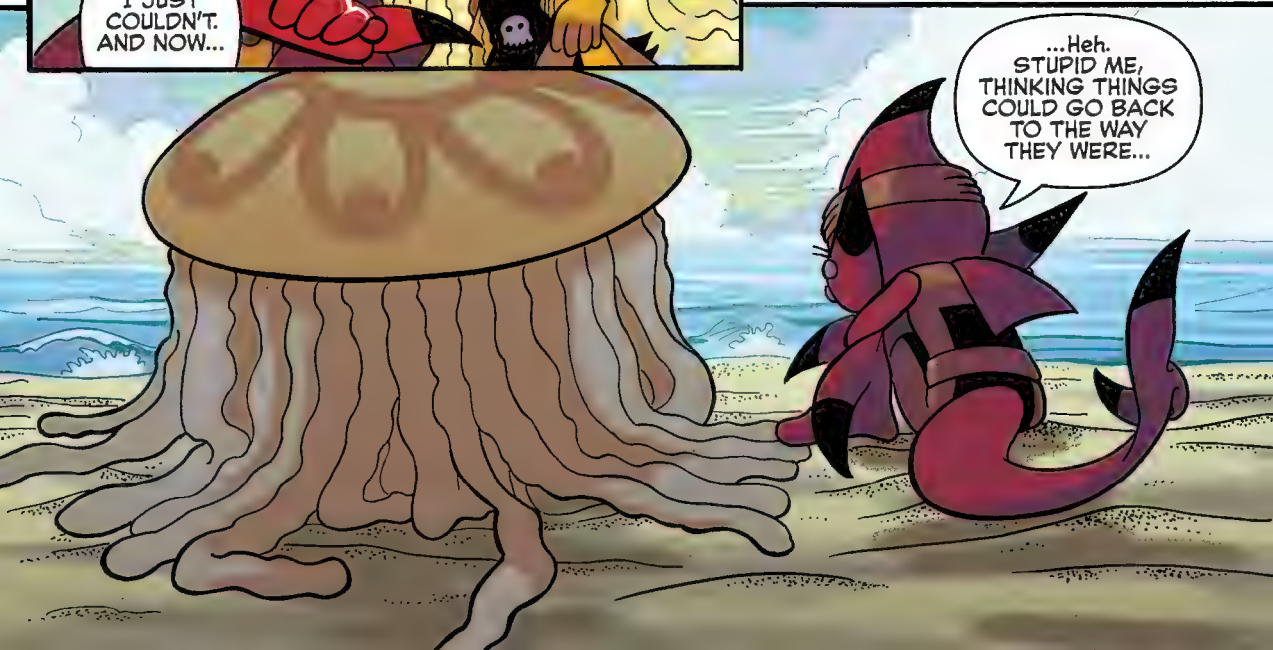
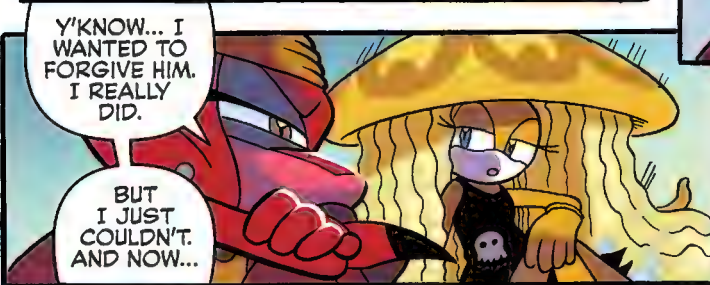
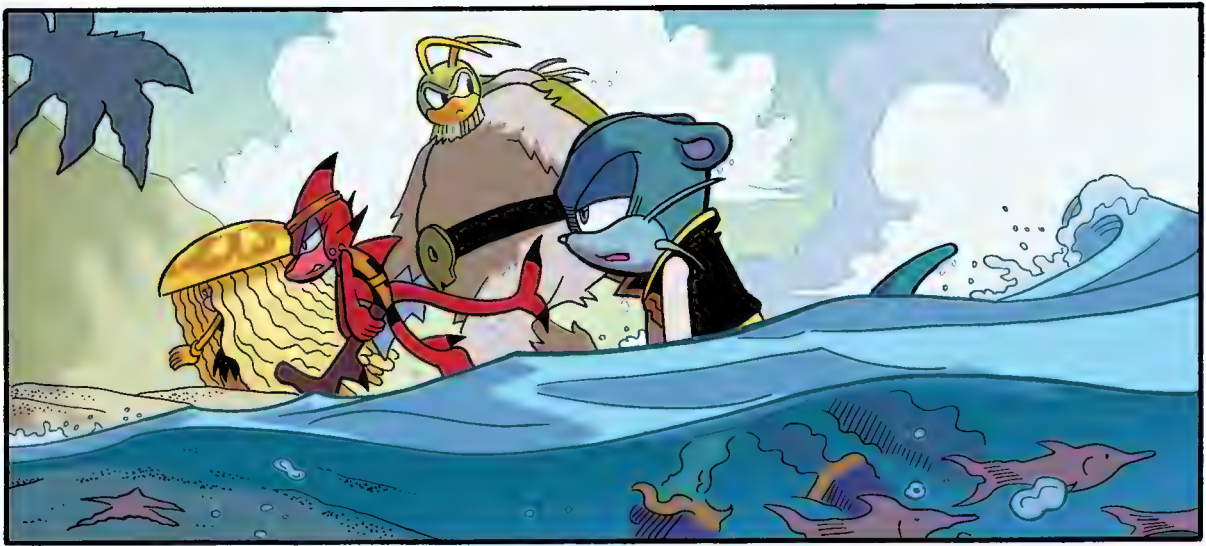
YOU WERE PAYING
ATTENTION ALL THAT
TIME, WEREN'T YOU?
NO WONDER YOU'RE
NOT WORRIED!

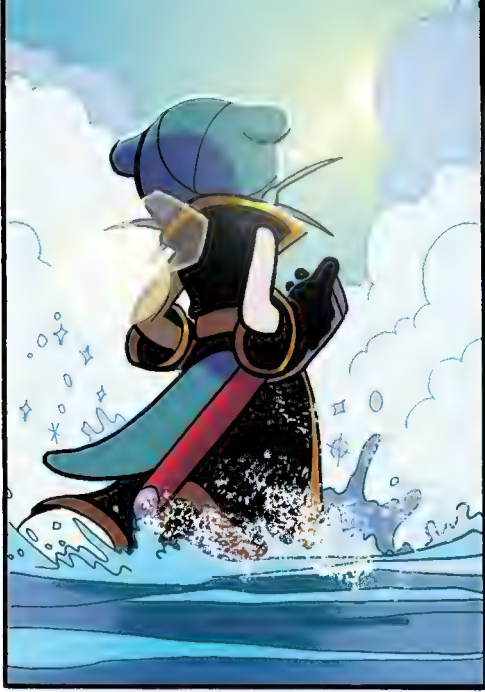
CARE TO
DO THE
HONORS...



...PRINCESS?

I WAS
STARTING
TO WONDER
IF YOU WERE
EVER GONNA
ASK.





THEY WENT AND STOLE ME OWN SHIP. THOSE DETECTIVES MADE FINE PIRATES AFTER ALL.



SO. THE UNIVERSE SEEMS TO THINK I'VE NOT YET HAD ME FILL OF BETRAYAL. WHAT NOW? WILL YOU LOT ABANDON ME AS WELL? SWIM OFF AND LEAVE ME TO MY FATE?

NEVER IN ME LIFE, CAP'N!



AYE, WE WERE BETRAYED... LEFT ON AN UNKNOWN SPIT O' LAND IN THE MIDDLE O' NOWHERE... WE NEVER COLLECTED OUR RANSOMS... OUR PIRATE SHIP ITSELF WAS PIRATED...

...AYE... HARDER AND STRONGER, WE'LL STRIKE BACK...

BUT WE'VE COME BACK FROM WORSE! AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!



AND WOE BETIDE ALL THOSE WHO'D STAND IN OUR WAY!

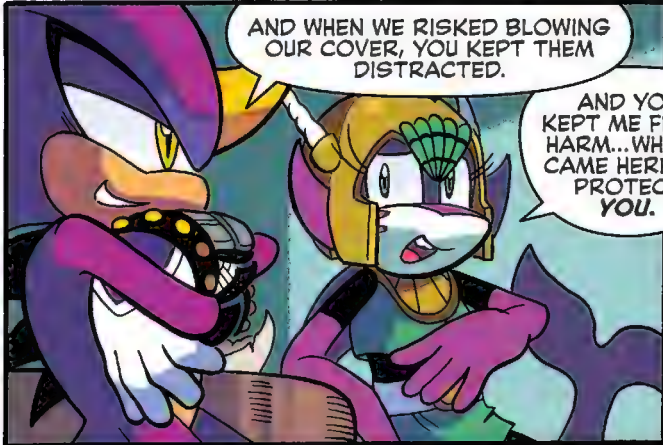
O-OKAY, BUT... CAN SOMEONE GET ME DOWN NOW? PLEASE?



...SO WITH YOU DOING ALL THE TRANSLATING AND SUCH, YOU HAD THE PIRATES FOCUSED ON TREASURE HUNTING INSTEAD OF PIRATING?

YUP.

CRAFTY!

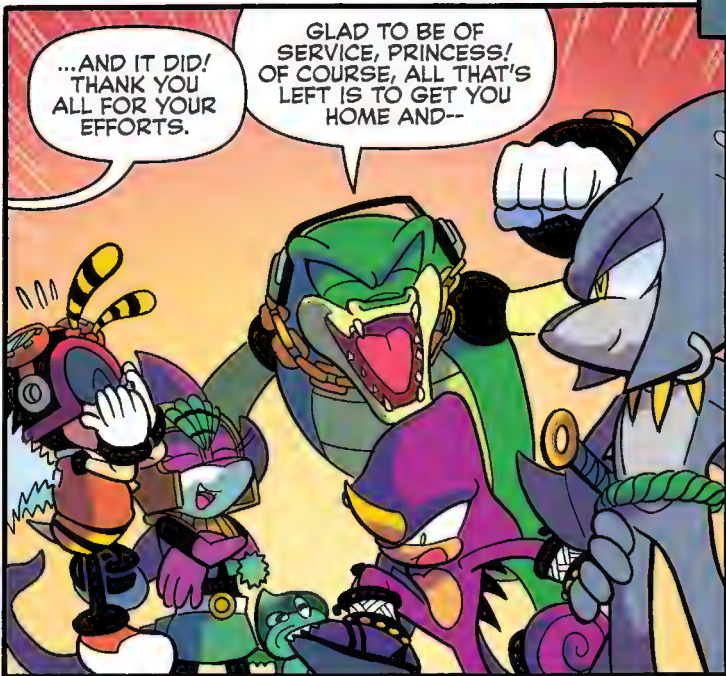


AND WHEN WE RISKED BLOWING OUR COVER, YOU KEPT THEM DISTRACTED.

AND YOU KEPT ME FROM HARM...WHEN I CAME HERE TO PROTECT YOU.



Oh, IT'S NO BIGGIE. I DIDN'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS, SO I FIGURED I'D JUST TRY TO KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL UNTIL HELP ARRIVED...



...AND IT DID! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE, PRINCESS! OF COURSE, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO GET YOU HOME AND--



Oh, I'M NOT GOING HOME.

...WHAT?



MY PARENTS DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO LET ME GO TO THE SURFACE FOR SCHOOL TO BEGIN WITH. YOU THINK AFTER ALL THIS THEY'D EVER LET ME LEAVE AGAIN? BESIDES, I LEFT SCHOOL BECAUSE I WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FIRSTHAND.

I THINK, ONE DAY, I'D LIKE TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL AMBASSADOR TO MEROPIS. SO, UNTIL THEN, I'M GOING TO KEEP TRAVELING!




BESIDES, NOW I HAVE MY VERY OWN SHIP!

PRINCESS, I WAS SENT BY YOUR PARENTS TO FIND YOU--

AND YOU DID! NICELY DONE.

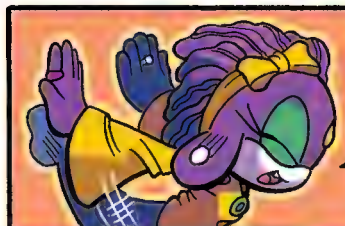
B-BUT...



OF COURSE, I SUPPOSE IT *MIGHT* PUT SOME MINDS AT EASE IF I HAD A PERSONAL BODY-GUARD ON MY TRAVELS... DOESN'T THAT SOUND REASONABLE?

I... WELL, I SUPPOSE IT *DOES*...

GREAT!



RAZOR, THANK YOU FOR GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR MY SAKE. PLEASE GIVE CORAL MY BEST WISHES.



Oh, Ah... OF COURSE...



AND AS FOR YOU BRAVE CHAOTIX--YOU WERE HIRED TO FIND ME, AND I'VE BEEN FOUND. I'M SURE MY PARENTS WILL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY, PRINCESS. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!

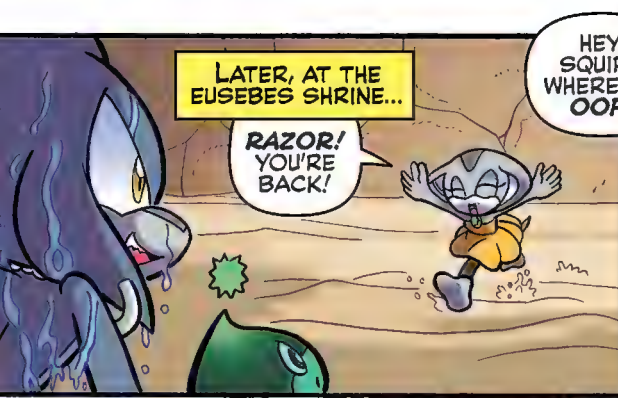
...BUT ALSO MONEY.



CERTAINLY.



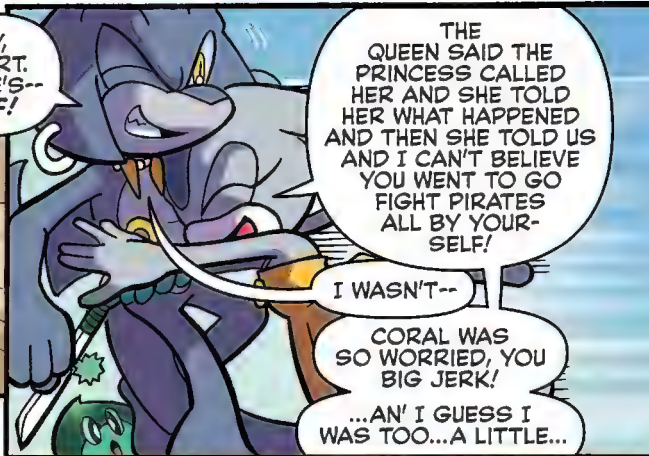
SAFE TRAVELS!



LATER, AT THE EUSEBES SHRINE...

RAZOR!
YOU'RE
BACK!

HEY,
SQUIRT.
WHERE'S--
OOF!

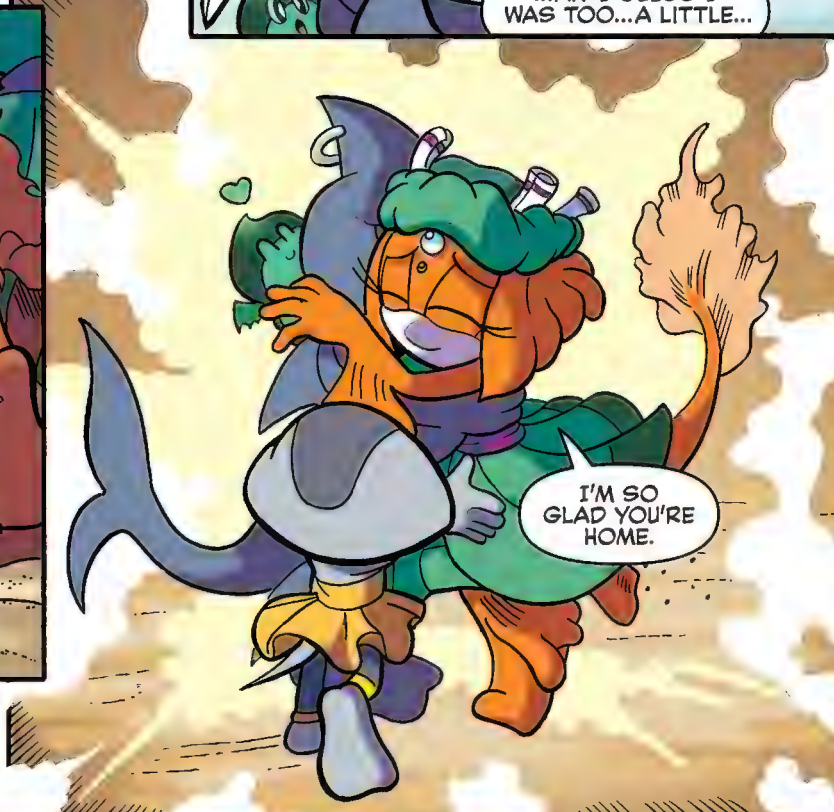
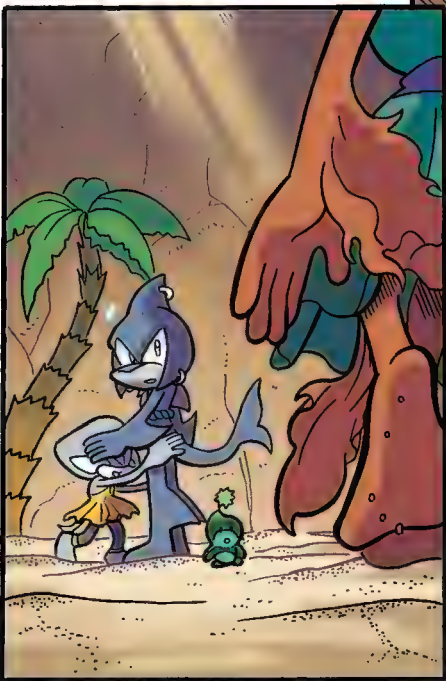


THE
QUEEN SAID THE
PRINCESS CALLED
HER AND SHE TOLD
HER WHAT HAPPENED
AND THEN SHE TOLD US
AND I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU WENT TO GO
FIGHT PIRATES
ALL BY YOUR-
SELF!

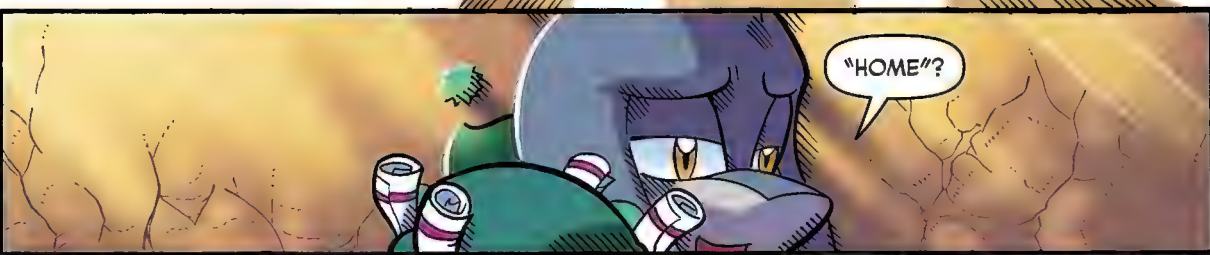
I WASN'T--

CORAL WAS
SO WORRIED, YOU
BIG JERK!

...AN' I GUESS I
WAS TOO...A LITTLE...



I'M SO
GLAD YOU'RE
HOME.



"HOME"?



YEAH.

IT'S
GOOD
TO BE
HOME.

AND BACK IN WESTOPOLIS...

HELLO THERE! WE'D LIKE TO CONVERT THESE MEROPAN SAND DOLLARS, PLEASE. CASH WILL BE FINE.

SAND... DOLLARS...? Uh, JUST A MOMENT...

THIS IS IT, BOYS! A LITERAL ROYAL REWARD! JUST THINK-- WE COULD GET ONE OF THOSE COFFEE/BREAKFAST-SANDWICH GIZMOS, A CHAIN MADE OUT OF REAL GOLD, A COLOR TV--OOH! A NEW GAME CONSOLE! WHAT'RE THEY UP TO NOW, 32-BIT?

...Huh, WE DO HAVE THESE ON INDEX...

OR--WE COULD DO SOMETHING PRACTICAL LIKE PAY THE RENT FIRST, BUY NEW LIGHTBULBS TO REPLACE THE NONEXISTENT ONES, PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL SO THAT THEY ACTUALLY WORK, GET A FUNCTIONAL LOCK FOR THE FRONT DOOR...

Um, SO... HERE'S THE CURRENT CONVERSION RATE...

WILL YOU BE WANTING THAT IN SMALL BILLS...OR SMALL BILLS?

I'M JUST GONNA KEEP MY SHARE.

THE DETECTIVE
LIFE CAN BE
TOUGH.

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU
DON'T GET THAT WINDFALL
YOU WERE HOPING FOR.

'COURSE, WE'RE NOT IN
IT FOR THE MONEY.

WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP
OTHERS.

TO DO THE
RIGHT THING.

TO BRING
JUSTICE TO
THOSE WHO
DESERVE IT.

...NOT THAT THE
MONEY ISN'T NICE,
THOUGH...

IN THE END, I DIDN'T
GET MY THESAURUS.
AND ESPIO ONLY GOT
A SIX-PACK OF
LIGHTBULBS.

BUT HEY,
CHARMY'S HAPPY,
AT LEAST.

THAT'S GOTTA
COUNT FOR
SOMETHING,
RIGHT?

THAT'S ANOTHER CASE
CLOSED FOR *The*
CHAOTIX
JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR
BRAND NEW ADVENTURES
STARRING THE
**FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!**
UNTIL THEN, DON'T
MISS OUT ON
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
AND THE GRAPHIC
NOVEL LIBRARY!**

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary now available in breathtaking **full-color!**

All's well that ends well!

Hey there, fellow detectives! Our favorite team of odd-ball private investigators may have finished their case, but we still have time to use our super-sleuth skills to inspect some cool concept art! Check 'em out!



PRINCESS UNDINA

-PRINCESS OF MISOPHY
-MOSTLY TAKES AFTER HER MOTHER (UNDINA) BUT WITH THE COLOUR/ROUND FACE FROM HER FATHER (PUFF)
-SHINY, ELABORATE OUTFIT & ACCESSORIES -- SHE'S A HUGE FAN OF MONEY THE CAT!



Undina is clever. With her ditzzy charade, she made sure Echo was safe and kept the Pirate Crew off of the Chaotix's back.

BLADE SHARK



-RAZOR'S BIG SISTER
-FINS ARE SIMPLER IN COMPARISON BUT WITH BLACK TIPS
-THINK "ATHLETIC" BUILD (INsofar AS NOODLE SONIC CHARACTERS GO)
-FLIPPER FEET INSTEAD OF BLOBS
-TAIL FIN IS VERTICAL
-POINTY TEETH!
-FOCUSED AND CONFIDENT



Blade is Razor's older sister and has a temper as fierce as her natural color!

Co-writer Aleah Baker did a great job on these concepts and developing the story!

Next time we'll be checking in with Sonic's team of freedom fighting pals! What adventures await them? What new discoveries will be made? Which type of cheese is best?

See you then!

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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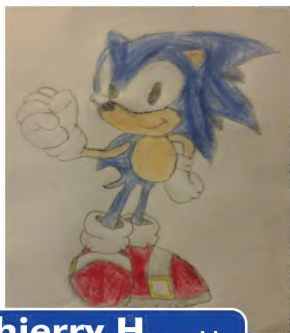


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OFF PANEL

YAR HAR, FIDDLE DI DEENA

OR

BEING A PIRATE IS ALL RIGHT WITH SHE



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AMASZ
HERMS